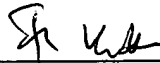


Claims 1 to 5 and 8 are readable on the elected species. It is submitted that claim 1 is generic.

Favorable action on the merits of the application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

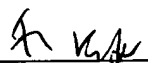


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